



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson
Judy Morrison, RDH
Amber Riley-Burns, RDH
Ruth "Pixie" Needham, RDH

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Joy King, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Program Representative
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist for Washington State Dental
Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)
Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienists'
Association (WSDHA)

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 8, 2008 at the Department of Health, Point Plaza East, Room 152/153, 310 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater WA 98501.

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Peter Fox, chairperson.

1.1 Introductions

The audience introduced themselves to the committee.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended; Item 2 was deferred to the October 31, 2008 meeting in Sea Tac.

1.3 Approval of May 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of May 16, 2008 were approved as amended.

2. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 Open Public Meetings Act
- 2.2 Ethics in Public Service Act
- 2.3 Public Records Act

Item 2 was deferred to the October 31, 2008 meeting at SeaTac.

3. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

Information provided to the committee by the Program Manager.

- 3.1 Vicki Brown, Program Manager reported to the committee that she had completed the professional member packet and has sent it forward to the Secretary's office.

Ms. Brown stated that she will be conducting an additional recruitment for the public member, as only one individual responded to the initial recruitment. The division is seeking diversity within the committee. It is also a requirement that three names are submitted for consideration.

3.2 Budget

Joy King, Executive Director, provided the committee and update on the committee's budget. Ms. King also briefed the committee on Governor Gregoire's request to cut back on spending. This includes limiting non emergency travel, purchasing new equipment, and a hiring freeze to fill job vacancies.

3.3 Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics

Licensing statistics were presented to the committee.

3.4 Status of Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1099 implementation

Ms. Brown provided the committee with an update on the implementation of SHB 1099. The dental assistant program has been implemented and was effective July 1, 2008. The Dental Quality Assurance Commissions staff is continuing to work on implanting the expanded function dental auxiliary (EFDA) licensure rules that take effect December 1, 2008. EFDA licensure will require candidates pass the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) clinical restorative exam that is

currently given to hygienists as well as pass the recently developed Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) written restorative exam.

3.5 Fourth Substitute House Bill (4SHB) 1103 – Acts Relating to Health Professions

Ms. King briefed the committee on Fourth Substitute House Bill 1103. She explained that the bill contained 14 different implementation plans. Among them is the development of the mandatory disciplinary sanction guidelines which the full authority boards and commissions are currently working on.

3.6 Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1298 – The committee will review and provide comments on the draft report required by SHB 1298 to the legislature.

Ms. Brown presented the committee a draft report. The committee was asked to review the draft and e-mail their comments to Ms. Brown by August 15, 2008.

4. WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE SURVEY

4.1 Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) Examiner and Candidate Manuals

Colleen Gaylord, RDH presented additional information on CITA. Graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program is not required to sit for the CITA exam. After review and further discussion the committee agreed that the results of the CITA exam would not be accepted.

4.2 The committee will complete their review to determine which states and regional exams are considered substantively equivalent.

The committee reviewed which states and regional exams are considered substantively equivalent. States that did not respond to the survey are not acceptable as substantively equivalent.

4.3 The committee will finalize the list of Qualifying Examinations for Licensure by Interstate Endorsement

Ms. Brown explained to the committee that she was unable to locate the meeting minute books prior to 1998 and the last time North Eastern Regional Board was approved was in 2000. Colleen Gaylord, RDH will search her records and send in copies of meeting minutes from 1994 to 1998.

5. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- 5.1. Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Board of Director's Meeting –
Pixie Needham, RDH

Pixie Needham gave an update to the committee on the Board of Directors Meeting held on July, 11, 2008 in Big Sky, Montana

- 5.2. Western Conference of Dental School Deans and Administrators – Pixie
Needham, RDH

Ms. Needham presented an overview of the Western Conference held in Big Sky, Montana on July 12, 2008.

6. FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was nothing requiring follow up from previous meetings that needed to be noted.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a DHEC member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. Otherwise, there will be no discussion.

- 7.1 Letter from Christine O. Gregoire, Governor to Mary C. Selecky, Secretary regarding Executive Order 06-03: Investigation of Health Professional Sexual Misconduct Annual Report

Ms. King gave an overview of the letter to the committee.

- 7.2 Copy of Dental Hygiene fee rule that was effective August 1, 2008

- 7.3 2007 – 2008 Annual Report from the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADHEX)

- 7.4 State of Idaho Board of Dentistry, intra-oral duties chart
Ms. Brown shared the chart of duties used by the State of Idaho. The committee directed staff to begin developing a chart for use in Washington.

- 7.4 Letter to the CRDTS Steering Committee members from Stephen F. Holcomb, DMD

- 7.5 Letter to CRDTS Steering Committee members from John C. Crosby, Jr., DMD

8. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Colleen Gaylord attended the American Dental Hygiene Association (ADHA) meeting. Ms. Gaylord suggested that the Dental Hygiene rules on standard of care need to be revised so they are comparable to the new ADHA standards of care.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1099 – Dental Hygiene Examining Committee role for 2012 report.
- Committee Member Training
- Disciplinary Process and Sanctioning Guidelines presentation
- Open public meetings act presentation
- ADHA standard of care incorporated into WA. State dental hygiene rules
- NERB examination update
- CRDTS Steering Committee meeting
- CRDTS annual meeting
- Board of Director's meeting for WREB on 1-10-09 in Austin TX

10. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – For committee discussion only.

There was no other committee business to discuss.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 8, 2008. The next meeting will be held in SeaTac on October 31, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown
Program Manager

Acting Chair